



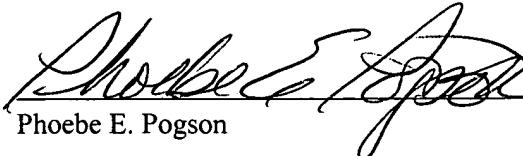
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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/652,842

Confirmation No. : 4065

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal

Filed : August 31, 2000

Attorney Docket No. : 501082.06

Art Unit : 2825

Customer No. : 27,076

Examiner : Belur V. Keshavan

Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Mail Stop RCE
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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Submission previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

b. Submission enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- Postcard
- Check
- Fee Transmittal Sheet
- Petition

4. Deposit Account

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 04-13-04

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**FEET TRANSMITTAL SHEET
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

2. Check Enclosed

FEET CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1001	770	2001	385	<input type="checkbox"/>	Utility Filing Fee	
1002	340	2002	170	<input type="checkbox"/>	Design Filing Fee	
1003	530	2003	265	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	770	2004	385	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provisional Filing Fee	
Subtotal (1)				\$ 0		

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	8	- 20	= 0	x \$ 18 = \$ 0
Ind.	4	- 4	= 0	x \$ 86 = \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$
				Subtotal (2) <u>\$ 0</u>

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20		
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3		
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent Claim		
1204	86	2204	43	Reissue independent claims over original patent		
1205	18	2205	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee paid
1051	2051	130	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	\$
1052	2052	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1053	1053	130	130	Non-English specification	\$
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For Filing a Request for ex parte Reexamination	\$
1804	1804	920	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	1805	1,840	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	2252	420	210	Extension for reply within 2 nd month	\$
1253	2253	950	475	Extension for reply within 3 rd month	\$
1254	2254	1,480	740	Extension for reply within 4 th month	\$
1255	2255	2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within 5 th month	\$
1401	2401	330	165	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	2402	330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	2403	290	145	Request for oral hearing	\$
1814	2814	110	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	\$
1453	2453	1,330	665	Petition to revive – unintentional	\$
1501	2501	1,330	665	Utility/Reissue issue fee	\$
1502	2502	480	240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	2503	640	320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	1460	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	1807	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	\$
1806	1806	180	180	Submission of IDS	\$
8021	8021	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1801	2801	770	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$ 770
Other fee (specify)					
Subtotal (3) <u>\$ 770</u>					

Total Amount of Payment: \$ 770

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